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FEMA REGION 6 SPOT REPORT #4

SPOT REPORT: Explosion at West Fertilizer Plant (West, Texas)

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE: April 17, 2013 at approximately 19:50 CDT

INCIDENT SUMMARY: An explosion was caused by a fire at the West Fertilizer Plant in West, TX (McLennan County, 19 miles north of Waco- Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/rKk1u>):

- Unconfirmed reports 5-10 fatalities
- Unconfirmed 200+ injuries reported; some people still missing
- The critically injured have been evacuated and non-critical patients are being transported to the Atrium Nursing Home in Bellmead, TX.
- 75-100 homes/businesses destroyed
- Precautionary evacuation for entire town of West
- One shelter open: Latham Springs Baptist Camp, 134 P.R. 223 Aquilla, Texas 76622 (occupant number unknown)
- United Pacific Railroad halted freight train service to the area
- I-35 is open but severely backed up due to response activities

Concerns:

- Potential weather information and on any conditions that could affect operations (i.e. wind shifts).

SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENT:

High

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

FEMA R6 Logistics and Operations, Department of Health and Human Services, FEMA Region 6 JRMPO Rep, State of Texas Operations Center SOC), FEMA R6 National Preparedness Law Enforcement Liaison, FEMA R6 External Affairs

ACTIONS/ FOLLOW UP:

State Actions:

- **No requests for FEMA assistance at this time.**
- The SOC is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) in support of the Fertilizer Plant Explosion.
- Area hospitals' preliminary report:
 - Emergency Room Visits: 200
 - Admissions: 51
 - ICU - 5
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) providing air monitoring and technical assistance
- **Disaster District (DDC) Waco:** DDC is fully activated, identifying needed resources and providing coordination of state resources assigned to the DDC.
- **Texas Task Force 1 & 2 (TTF1 and TTF2):** TTF1 Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Type I Team to include Damage Assessment Personnel for collapse structure assessment deployed. Search and Rescue K-9 Team has also been deployed. TTF2 Type III Search and Rescue Task Force have also been deployed.
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** Has deployed two Mortuary Trailers, and a Morgue Unit. 2 Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) team members have also been deployed. The DSHS' State Medical Operations Center has also been activated.
- **Texas Military Forces (TXMF):** The 6th Civil Support Team (CST) has been deployed to assist with chemical substance detection.
- **The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)** believes the three priorities for today are:
 - Crisis Counseling
 - Mortuary Care
 - Re-establishing local EMS support

Federal Actions:

- FEMA Regional Administrator in communication with Chief of Texas Division of Emergency Management
- FEMA Regional Administrator and EPA Regional Administrator are in communication.
- FEMA R6 RRCC has activated to Level 3
 - Operations, Logistics, Planning, Individual Assistance, External Affairs, American Red Cross, and Department of Homeland Security Infrastructure Protection currently in RRCC
 - FEMA R6 Recovery has 3 (three) IA PDA teams on

- standby and are coordinating with SBA
 - IMAT 2 on stand-by to deploy if requested by the state
 - FEMA R6 External Affairs will be hosting a Congressional Outreach Call today to provide a situation update.
- HHS activated and is communicating with Texas Department of State Health Services:
 - Crisis Counseling, mortuary assistance, and re-establishment of local EMS being discussed with State.
 - Two (2) Disaster Medical Assistance Teams and the Region 6 Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) on alert.
 - Moving the DMORT assessment team to DFW (all due in around noon today).
- Environmental Protection Agency has deployed Mobile Command Post to the site
 - EPA has activated their EOC
 - Has approximately six (6) employees on site
 - Have flown their ASPECT plane last night and intend to fly today.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has instituted a temporary flight restriction for 3 nautical miles (no change from R6 War Report at 0430)
- Weather Service is working with the Texas SOC to provide up-to-date potential weather information
- GSA reports no federal facilities or congressional offices reporting damage
- Distribution Center Ft. Worth current Readiness:
 - Water (liters): 3,124,890
 - Commercial Meals (ea): 659,458
 - Reduced Sodium Meals (ea): 869,224
 - Infant Toddler Kits (ea): 0
 - Hygiene/Comfort Kits (ea): 50,000
 - Cots (ea): 31,836
 - Blankets (ea): 208,492
 - Consumable Medical Supplies (ea): 2
 - Durable Medical Equipment (ea): 4
 - Tarps (20'x25'): 135,080
 - Generators (ea): 101

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